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SUBJECT: US- JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON MONGOLIA

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1. DURING A RECENT DISCUSSION WITH DEPT OFFICER ON OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH MONGOLIAN PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC (MPR) ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, JAPANESE SECOND SECRETARY ARAFUNE UNDERTOOK TO COMMUNICATE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OUR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PROBLEMS BOTH COUNTRIES ENCOUNTER IN DEALING WITH MPR. (WE HAVE A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH THE BRITISH.) WE WILL KEEP JAPANESE HERE BRIEFED ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WE ENCOUNTER AND WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH CHANNEL IN TOKYO FOR RAISING QUESTIONS CONCERNING JAPANESE EXPERIENCE WITH THE MONGOLIANS.

2. ASSUMING FOREIGN MINISTRY AGREES TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE SOME INITIAL QUESTIONS
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THAT WILL AID US IN- MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED IN OPENING OUR EMBASSY IN ULAANBAATAR.

A) THE JAPANESE HAVE JUST OPENED UP A TEMPORARY OFFICE IN THE ULAANBAATAR HOTEL. WHAT IS THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE STAFF? HOW MANY ROOMS ARE THEY OCCUPYING? HOW MUCH ARE THEY PAYING FOR ALL OF THE ROOMS

AS WELL AS PER ROOM? DID THEY GET SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC RATES OR LOWER RATES BECAUSE OF EXTENDED STAY? WHAT ARE THEY DOING FOR FOOD? HOW ARE THEY HANDLING THEIR COMMUNICATIONS? HOW ARE THEY HANDLING SECURITY?

B) WE UNDERSTAND THE JAPANESE HAVE ACQUIRED A BUILDING AND ARE REFURBISHING IT. DO THE JAPANESE CONSIDER THE BUILDING ADEQUATE? WERE THERE DIFFICULTIES IN LOCATING A BUILDING? WHO IS DOING THE REFURBISHING - MONGOLIANS OR JAPANESE? HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO REFURBISH THE BUILDING? ARE THE JAPANESE LEASING THE BUILDING? HAD THEY CONSIDERED BUILDING AN EMBASSY?

C) WE ASSUME THE JAPANESE WILL BE SENDING SOME MATERIALS, FURNISHINGS AND SUPPLIES FROM TOKYO. HOW ARE THEY PLANNING TO DO THIS? HAVE THEY CONSIDERED USING AIRPLANES?

D) WHAT WILL BE THE EVENTUAL SIZE OF THE EMBASSY STAFF? HOW MANY LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE ENVISAGED?

E) WHAT HAS JAPAN DONE CONCERNING CONSULAR RELATIONS?

F) WERE THERE ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BETWEEN THE TIME OF RECOGNITION IN 1972 AND THE OPENING OF THE EMBASSY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR? ARE THERE ANY PITFALLS TO WATCH OUT FOR?

G) WHO HAVE THE JAPANESE BEEN WORKING WITH IN THE MPR FOREIGN MINISTRY? DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU? WE HAVE HEARD THAT MPR PROTOCOL PEOPLE ARE DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH. HAS THIS BEEN THE JAPANESE EXPERIENCE?

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3. FYI. IT APPEARS THAT OUR NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK WILL CONTINUE WELL INTO THE SUMMER. THE DELAY HAS BEEN PARTIALLY DUE TO OUR INSISTENCE ON NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS ON CONSULAR AS WELL AS CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BEFORE OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE MPR IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT OUR DEMAND FOR SIMULTANEOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND WE DO NOT WANT THIS TO

BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THE JAPANESE HAVE BEEN INFORMED
OF THE NATURE OF OUR APPROACH AND THE MONGOLIAN
SENSITIVITIES. END FYI. ROGERS

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